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FORMER STREET SUPERINTENDENT OF MORGANTOWN CHARGED WITH DIVERTING \$40,000 OF TOWN MONEY TO HIS PRIVATE BUSINESS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PAUL A. FORD, 33, Morgantown, Indiana, was charged today with mail fraud, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana State Police.

The information alleges that FORD was previously the Street Superintendent of the Town of Morgantown. Between March 24, 2005 and March 17, 2006, FORD allegedly caused the town to pay for rental of heavy equipment which FORD used exclusively to operate his private excavation business. The Information further contends that FORD caused the town to pay in excess of \$40,000 for unauthorized rental of the equipment which was never used for any town business.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, FORD faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana within the next two weeks..

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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